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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated March 13, 2000.

REMARKS

On March 13, 2000, an Office Action was issued rejecting claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. § 101. On March 24, 2000, George H. Gerstman, attorney for Applicant, telephone Patent Examiner Ann Lam advising that on January 31, 2000, a Preliminary Amendment with an Information Disclosure Statement had been filed. In the Preliminary Amendment, claim 1 was canceled and new claims 40-71 were presented. Apparently through a Patent and Trademark Office error, the Preliminary Amendment

was not in the application file at the time that the application was examined by Examiner Lam.

Examination on the merits of claims 40-71 is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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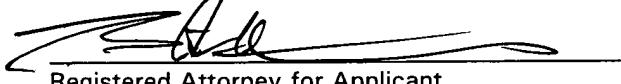
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